

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Williams, M. C.
A Preliminary Site Report for the Cumberland Palisaded Village Site, Calvert County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust
Library ID No: 00000245 Catalog/Shelving ID: CV 27

Research Firm/Institution:

American University
4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20016

Sites examined:

18CV171

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II



Phase III



Project Justification:

In 1979, the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) established a Preservation Easement arrangement with the owners of an 18th century (and possibly 17th century) architectural and historical resource known as Preston on the Patuxent. As it happens, site 18CV171 (a prehistoric site identified in the 1930s) falls within the southern portion of this easement. In 1982, the Cumberland family (the owners) notified MHT that they were planning to construct a new house on this southern portion of their property. In May of that year, personnel from the Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center conducted initial investigations of the area to determine if the prehistoric was still present and to determine its subsurface integrity. Upon completion of that study, it became evident that a potentially significant prehistoric site would be impacted by construction of the house and plans were made for a detailed subsurface investigation.

MAC Accession: 1994.021.001

Project Objectives:

- Conduct data recovery excavations in the area to be impacted by construction of the Cumberland house.
- Use the fieldwork as a teaching and training opportunity for undergraduates and other archeology students.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CV171.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2007 King, J.A., E. Chaney, and Raftery, S.
Archaeological Collections in Maryland.
Submitted to NEH, MHT, SHA, and the ACNATSCI Estuarine Research Center
Library ID No: JPPM-NEH Catalog/Shelving ID: web

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
10115 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18CV171

Others

Project Details:

Project Justification:

This project is a web-based approach to making descriptions of the archeological collections at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab in St. Leonard, MD available to scholars, museum curators, educators, students, and the interested public. Detailed descriptions of collections and even limited access to original field notes, maps, accession records, and images is afforded via an online database published on the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum's web page.

Project Objectives:

- Introduce the general public to some of the important archaeological collections curated at the MAC Lab.

Research Potential:

Site 18CV171 appears to be primarily a Late Woodland palisaded village. Other, earlier occupations are present, but do not constitute a major component of the site. Many of the artifacts were recovered from plow-disturbed soils, however, intact features were encountered, which extended below the plowzone. While the site is quite significant as it relates to Late Woodland settlement patterns and village landscapes, most of the remaining site was destroyed by construction of a new house on the property. It is unclear how much of the site (if any) remains intact. Perhaps the most worthwhile venue for future research related to the Cumberland site, is synthesis of the extant data, field notes, artifact catalogs, and unanalyzed samples into an actual full site report.
